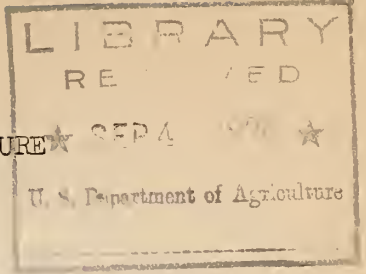


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OUTLOOK FOR AMERICAN APPLES ON THE GERMAN MARKET

The general outlook for American apples in Germany is better than last year, particularly for the best quality fruit, according to a cable from the Agricultural Commissioner at Berlin. This conclusion is based principally on the fact that the supplies of good quality apples in most of the adjacent countries which supply the German market are limited. German purchasing power is not much improved but the tendency seems to be upward. The principal European sources of Germany's apple imports this year are expected to be France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria and Rumania. It is important, therefore, to note the position of export apples in these countries, as well as in Czechoslovakia, at the present time.

Recent reports indicate that Czechoslovakia apples are spotted. In view of the reduced crop, however, the domestic market is expected by the trade to absorb the available supplies at good prices. Czechoslovakia apples ordinarily compete with the American fruit in the German market. The Italian Tyrol trade expects an export of double last year. The usual high class varieties are plentiful but the quality is below average except for one or two types. The bulk of the Italian Tyrol apples is reported to be rusty and spotted and quality apples are scarce. French apples will not offer much competition to American apples this year on account of the low quality. In Switzerland the apple crop is expected to be somewhat smaller than last year. The Austrian fruit crops suffered considerable damage from July rains. Rumania is reported to have a fairly good apple crop of the usual quality.

